

AMENDMENTS IN THE ABSTRACT

Please replace the present abstract with the following rewritten abstract:

**METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR PROVIDING SNA ACCESS TO TELNET 3270 AND
TELNET 3270 ENHANCED SERVICES OVER WIDE AREA NETWORKS**

~~The present invention relates to computer networks and more particularly to a system and method in an~~ An access device for establishing a Systems Network Architecture (SNA) session between an SNA Client and an SNA application using Telnet 3270 services over a communication network. ~~The SNA client provides Telnet 3270 client services. An access device provides access to the~~ The communication network, and ~~the communication network has attached one or a plurality of Telnet 3270 servers for accessing the SNA application. The method for use in an access device comprises logic for: the steps of~~ (1) receiving from a Telnet 3270 client, a request for establishing a Telnet 3270 session with a Telnet 3270 Server, the request comprising an identification of the SNA client associated with the Telnet 3270 client, (2) selecting a communication path within the communication network to access a Telnet 3270 server providing services to the SNA client by referring to a configuration table, ~~the configuration table~~ which comprising, for each SNA client, one or ~~plurality of more~~ more communication paths leading to one or a plurality of more Telnet 3270 servers, and (3) forwarding the Telnet 3270 session request to a selected Telnet 3270 server along the selected communication path.